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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

Offered February 17, 2019

Celebrating the life of Lucy E. Denney.

Patrons-Hope, Levine, Lopez and Sullivan; Senators: Ebbin, Favola and Howell

WHEREAS, Lucy E. Denney, an admired civic servant who left a legacy of contributions to the Arlington County community, died on May 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, Lucy Denney graduated from C. E. Byrd High School, then earned a bachelor's degree from Hollins University and a master's degree from Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, Lucy Denney accepted an analyst position at the Central Intelligence Agency, where she worked for the next five years; she married her husband, Jerry, in 1957, and the couple later relocated to Arlington County to raise their family; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Denney strived to enhance the quality of life of all her fellow Arlington County residents by volunteering with numerous organizations and projects; she served as chair of the Arlington Fair Housing Board for more than a decade and was active with the Alliance for Housing Solutions, Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board, Arlington Street People's Assistance Network, and Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Denney was especially active with the Arlington County Democratic Party, serving as a campaign manager for several Democratic candidates for the Arlington County Board over the course of nearly 30 years, and a manager for all of Representative Joseph L. Fisher's campaigns from 1974 to 1980; she also served as chair of the Arlington County Democratic Committee Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Denney earned many accolades for her personal and professional accomplishments, including the 1994 Joseph L. Fisher Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2003 Arlington County Woman of Vision Award, and the 2007 James B. Hunter Community Hero Award; and

WHEREAS, guided by her strong faith, Lucy Denney enjoyed fellowship and worship with the community at St. George's Episcopal Church, where she was on the vestry, worked in the food pantry, and was a member of the social ministry and outreach committees; and

WHEREAS, Lucy Denney will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by her husband of 60 years, Jerry; her children, Charlie and Jane, and their families; and numerous other family members and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby note with great sadness the loss of Lucy E. Denney, a respected civic leader in Arlington County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to the family of Lucy E. Denney and the Arlington County Democratic Committee as an expression of the General Assembly's respect for her memory.